



EVENTS at the CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUTHOR TALK

Peter Guralnick Presents The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll: The Illustrated Story of Sun Records and the 70 Recordings That Changed the World IN-PERSON





Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Peter Guralnick is the author of The Birth of Rock 'n' Roll: The Illustrated Story of Sun Records and the 70 Recordings That Changed the World. Peter will be in conversation with musician Bill

Janovitz. This event is cosponsored with Harvard Book Store. Registration is required to participate in this program.

PERFORMANCE

Sacred Songs and Rituals: Ladino Music with Sarah **Aroeste IN-PERSON**



Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-8 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join Sarah Aroeste, an international Ladino singer/songwriter, author and speaker, as she brings you along on a musical journey highlighting the Sephardic experience from past to present. Enjoy an interactive, mixedmedia program that integrates music, storytelling, and the sacred sounds of this rich, oral tradition that has survived

shifting centuries and borders to still inspire us today. This event is supported by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

AUTHOR TALK

Dream Big: Reinventing Journalism to Build Hope, Agency, and Dignity IN-PERSON Thursday, December 8,



Join journalists David Bornstein, Deborah D. Douglas, and Amanda Ripley, in a discussion about reinventing journalism to support democracy and a more equitable and sustainable world. Register online at DreamBig2022.eventbrite.com, by email at info@cplfound.org, or by phone at 617-798-0959.

Service Update

All Library locations will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 for Christmas. All Library locations will be closed Sunday, January 1 for New Years Day.

AUTHOR TALK

Voices of Poetry in Cambridge IN-PERSON

Sunday, December 11, 2-4 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for an afternoon of exceptional poetry and music, featuring poetry by Mary Buchinger, Tom Daley, Chard DeNiord, Paul Nemser, and Tzynya Pinchback. Music will be played by guitarist, composer, and musicologist Sebastien Jean.

PERFORMANCE

The Parker Quartet Presents The Beethoven Project: In the Community IN-PERSON



Tuesday, December 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mezzanine, Main Library

Join the Grammy awardwinning Parker Quartet, Daniel Chong, Ken Hamao, Jessica Bodner, and Kee-Hyun Kim, for Beethoven in Community, a performance celebrating the

music of Beethoven in the Mezzanine of the Main Library.

AUTHOR TALK



Kwan Kew Lai Presents The Girl Who Taught Herself to Fly with Effie Kong

IN-PERSON

Thursday, December 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join Kwan Kew Lai for a reading and discussion of her memoir, The Girl Who Taught Herself to Fly. She will be in conversation with Effie Kong.

PERFORMANCE

Music on the Mezzanine: Solstice Celebration with Leo Balkovetz and Laura Thomas IN-PERSON



Wednesday, December 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall, Main Library

Join us for a solstice celebration as singers Leo Balkovetz and Laura Thomas perform from our first floor mezzanine!

Leo Balkovetz (tenor) is a performer of operatic, choral and chamber music and holds a M.M in Historical Voice Performance from the Longy School of Music. As an

oratorio soloist. Leo has performed across the state and is a member of the Cathedral St. Paul's Schola Choir, Carduus and the Commonwealth Chorale. Laura Thomas is a soprano specializing in early and sacred music and holds an M.M. in Historical Performance (Voice) from Boston University. She has performed extensively as a choral musician and oratorio soloist and performs medieval-influenced improvisatory music with ensemble Silica Gel.

LITERACY CENTER

The Literacy Center is located at the Central Square Branch, 45 Pearl St. For more information call Maria Balestrieri at 617-349-4013. Classes cancelled the weeks of 12/19 and

Beginner Fall ESOL at the Valente Branch IN-PERSON Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON Wednesdays and Fridays,

High Beginner ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

Intermediate ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Advanced ESOL IN-PERSON

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Résumé and Job Application Support IN-PERSON

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

Workshops

Fraud Awareness for Seniors IN-PERSON

Thursday, December 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m. **♀** Collins Branch

Financial fraud can happen to anyone. The best way we can protect ourselves from fraud is to learn exactly how it takes place. Join us for an interactive fraud awareness workshop discussing the way scammers attempt to victimize elders and how to make sure our information is

This workshop is presented in collaboration with Cambridge Savings Bank. Registration is required.

Estate Planning for All VIRTUAL

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Cambridge Public Library and the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School are excited to offer Estate Planning for All. Estate plans can help you prepare for unexpected changes, offer a sense of security in uncertain times, and ensure that your wishes will be carried out if you become ill, incapacitated, or die unexpectedly. Everyone—regardless of background or financial situation—can have an estate

Get started on your estate plan by joining us for our Estate Planning Webinar, where you can learn more about the basics of estate planning—including wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney, medical directives, and funeral/ memorial planning. Attendees can also receive a free, one-on-one consultation.

Estate planning issues specific to veterans and individuals with disabilities will also be discussed.

DNA Testing & Genealogy HYBRID

Friday, December 16, 2-3 p.m. Main Library, Learning Lab

Learn all about DNA testing, the pros and cons, how it can help with your genealogy research, and which products to use.

Scrabble Hour IN-PERSON

Wednesday, December 21, 10:30-11 a.m.

♥ Collins Branch

Use your B-R-A-I-N (7 points) for a game of Scrabble at the Collins Branch! Bring a friend or get to know new neighbors. Boards will be provided. Players of all levels are welcome.

Wellness for Seniors: Zumba Gold VIRTUAL

Mondays, 11-11:45 a.m.

Put on your dancing shoes to improve flexibility and balance, strengthen muscles and have fun! Certified Zumba Gold instructor Emily B. will lead you through 45 minutes of low-impact and easy-to-follow choreography in your own home through Zoom. Join us! This event will not meet on 12/26.

Adult Book Groups

Visit bit.ly/cplbookgroups or call the host Library for more information about joining.

Cook Book Group HYBRID

Thursday, December 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Main Library, Community Room Ottolenghi Test Kitchen: Shelf Love by Noor Murad and Yotam Ottolengh

O'Neill Branch Book Group IN-PERSON

Monday, December 12, 6:30-8 p.m. O'Neill Branch

When We Cease to Understand the World by Benjamin Labatut

Great Books Book Group HYBRID

Tuesday, December 13, 7-9 p.m. Main Library, Rossi Room Psalms, selections

Boudreau Branch Book Group

Wednesday, December 14, 12-1 p.m. ♀ Boudreau Branch **Bewilderment** by Richard Powers

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group HYBRID

Wednesday, December 14, 6-7 p.m.

Main Library, Rossi Room

The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson

Contemporary Book Group HYBRID

Tuesday, December 20, 6-7 p.m. **Matrix** by Lauren Groff

O'Connell Branch Adult Book Group HYBRID

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. O'Connell Branch

Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley

Great Books Book Group (HYBRID)

Tuesday, December 27, 7-9 p.m. Main Library, Rossi Room Psalms, selections

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for story times, sing-alongs, and other weekly programs. Outdoor programs will be moved indoors or be canceled in the the event of inclement weather. Please check our website for programming updates and additions or call 617-349-4038 for more information. No programs are held on days the Library is closed.

• Main Library

Baby Lapsit Rey Room

Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.

Morning Sing-Along

Rey Room

Mondays, 11-11:25 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Rev Room

Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

Toddler Story Time

Rey Room

Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.

LEGO Time

Qurious George Room Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.

Afternoon Sing-Along

Curious George Room Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.

O'Connell Branch

Preschool Story Time Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m. **Toddler Story Time** Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.

Central Square Branch

Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Soudreau

Outdoor Songs and Stories Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Collins Branch

Story Time Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m. **Evening Family Story Time** Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-7 p.m.

♥ Valente Branch

Sing-Along Tuesdays, 11-11:55 a.m. **Preschool Story Time** Tuedays, 3:30-3:55 p.m. **Toddler Story Time**

Wednesdays, 11-11:55 a.m.

O'Neill Branch

Sing-Along Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Story Time

Thursdays, 11-11:20 a.m. **Saturday Songs and Stories**

Saturday, December 3, 3:30-4 p.m.

Pajama Story Time Tuesday, December 20, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Come to the library in your pajamas to listen to stories, read with your children, and enjoy a snack before bed!

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Let's talk about a book together! Register online at bit.ly/cplbookgroups

Main Library

Join us virtually for a lively discussion. For a copy of the book, stop by the Children's Room or call 617-349-4038.

Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL





Tuesday, December 13, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 7-10 and a parent or caregiver.

The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher

Parent/Child Book Group VIRTUAL



Wednesday, December 14, 6-7 p.m.

For ages 10-13 and a parent or caregiver.

The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

Branch Libraries

Please pick up a copy of the book beforehand at the host Branch.

Magic Tree House Book Group



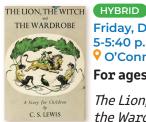
HYBRID

Friday, December 2, 4-5 p.m. O'Connell

For ages 5-10

Christmas in Camelot by Mary Pope Osborne

Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group



Friday, December 9, 5-5:40 p.m. O'Connell

For ages 8-12

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.

Graphics Are Great! Book Group



HYBRID

Tuesday, December 13, 4-5 p.m. O'Connell

For ages 8-12

Wings of Fire: The **Dragonet Prophecy** by Tui

Sutherland, illustrated by Mike Holmes.

Chapter Chat IN-PERSON



Monday, December 5, 4:40-5:30 p.m. ♀ O'Neill. Conference Room

For ages 7-10

Two Headed Chicken by Tom Angleberger

Book Buzz IN-PERSON



Monday, December 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. O'Neill, Conference Room

For ages 10 and up

Mari and the Night **Brothers** by B.B. Alston

MORE EVENTS

The following events are all in-person. View more events on our website.

Main Library

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Teens! Help us plan teen programming at the Library! Earn community service hours! Enjoy free snacks! We meet monthly during the school year. No registration required. Stop by the Teen Room or call 617-349-4027 to learn more.

Central Square

Paper Cutting Workshop

Thursday, December 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

The year of Tiger 2022 is approaching an end, and the year of Rabbit is coming. Come and join Zhonghe (Elena) Li to create your own Chinese papercuts. You can choose to cut a tiger, a rabbit, or snow flakes and more! Elena will show you the technique and how to use papercuts to tell your own stories.



Vacation Week Stories and Crafts YOUTH

Wednesday, December 28, 2-5 p.m. Central Square Children's Room

Drop on in to the Children's Room for an extended afternoon with a fun craft and stories. For more information, call 617-349-4010. Recommended for ages 5-10.

Collins

Fresh Pond Nature Walk

Monday, December 5, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing walk of Fresh Pond with Park Ranger Tim Puopolo! No two weeks are the same in nature, and Tim will share his insights about what's growing, changing, and blooming in the neighborhood.

The walk will meet in the courtyard of the Collins Branch (64 Aberdeen Ave.) and leave together toward the pond at 10:15 a.m.

This is a winter weather walk so clothing for cold temperatures is suggested.

Winter Solstice Social

Wednesday, December 21, 4-6 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the changing of the seasons at the Collins Branch!

Drop in to meet new neighbors, enjoy refreshments and participate in activities for all ages.

Make cards for loved ones or neighbors at 4 p.m.

Join social hour with treats and a discussion of favorite books and memories of the past year at 5 p.m.

O'Neill

Winter Solstice Celebration

Wednesday, December 21, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the beginning of the winter season!

Join us for a seasonal story time, an illuminating craft, and a cozy winter treat.



Drop-in Winter Crafts

Tuesday, December 27, 2-4 p.m. through Friday, December 30, 2-4 p.m.

Drop in during vacation week to create cozy crafts and help decorate the Library for the winter! Each day will feature a different activity.

End of Year Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 3-4:30 p.m.



Celebrate the end of the year with familyfriendly activities, including games, music, treats, and more!

CRAFT CORNER

Knitting Group

Every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Poudreau Branch

Bring your project and enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters. Will not meet on 12/27



Fiber Crafts Group - Drop-In

O'Connell Branch

Every Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters.

Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, mend, cross stitch and more. All crafts are welcome!

Valente

Film Screening: Art in Public



Wednesday, December 7, 6-7:45 p.m.

Program Room

Art In Public is a documentary film illustrating the benefits and necessity of public art in communities. Through artist

interviews, the documentary examines the creative processes, public places, and community involvement in the City of Cambridge. It also includes many forms of art, such as murals, performances, sculptures, and installation arts. This film was directed by Weiving Olivia Huang.

Boudreau

Photo-Scanning Party

Thursday, December 1, 4-5 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, December 28, 4-5 p.m.

It's time to scan all those photographs that have been collecting dust in the basement, closet, and attic. Invite friends and bring your albums and something to eat and drink—it's a photo-scanning party!

As you share your special memories, we will help you to digitize your pictures (and documents, too). This way you can preserve them or share them online or even reprint them. You will have the peace of mind that those memories and moments won't disappear.

To participate, you will need your photos and a USB drive (4GB or more recommended) or any hard drive. Registration is required.

Boudreau

Celebrate Winter Solstice

Wednesday, December 14, 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Join us as we prepare for the shortest day of the year that's only a week away. Listen to a solstice story and make a beautiful luminary!

Please sign up in advance beginning on Monday, December 5 by calling 617-349-4017 or coming by the Boudreau Branch.



Paper Cutting Workshop Wednesday, December 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The year of the Tiger 2022 is approaching an end, and the year of Rabbit is coming. Join Zhonghe (Elena) Li to create your own Chinese papercuts. You can choose to cut a tiger, a rabbit, or snow flakes and more! Elena will show you the technique and how to use papercuts to tell your own stories. This workshop is open to people of all ages.

This program is co-sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library and Cambridge Arts Council which is a local agency of the Mass Cultural Council. The artist also wants to give thanks to the Mass Cultural Council for its direct funding support.

READ TO A DOG!

🤉 O'Neill Branch (YOUTH

Tuesday, December 6, 3-4 p.m. Monday, December 12, 3-4 p.m. Occupance Room

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judamental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins on Tuesday November 29 by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).

Pandreau Branch YOUTH

Thursday, December 8, 3-4 p.m.

Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and nonjudgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten minute time slot is required. Sign up the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch

(617-349-4017).



Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, handson learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12.

December Workshops

Hive Safety Training HYBRID

You will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Equipment and Studio Reservations

IN-PERSON

Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting (Part 1 & 2) IN-PERSON

Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter in this two-part series.

Sewing 101 IN-PERSON

Learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. This session will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when stitch tension has gone awry.

Studio Recording 101 IN-PERSON

Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software.

Videography 101 IN-PERSON

Step into the Hive's state-of-the-art recording studio and film a short video of yourself in front of our green screen. Then, spend some time becoming familiar with video editing software while working with your footage.

Vinyl Cutting 101 IN-PERSON

Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design and cut a sticker.

XR Lab 101 IN-PERSON

Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Zing 101 IN-PERSON

Learn how to use our Epilog Zing an industry-standard laser cutting machine.

3D Printing 101 IN-PERSON

Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Sindoh 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive.

Check out our December workshop calendar on the following page!

Registration is required for all Hive workshops. To learn more:

camb.ma/cplhive thehive@cambridgema.gov 857-235-9819



You Love You Love



Donate new children's and young adult books to the Cambridge Public Library for children currently living in transitional housing. We are collecting new, unwrapped books for all ages - infants through teens. Porter Square Books is offering a 20% discount toward any books purchased for this project.

Find out more at https://camb.ma/3ia3amN













LIBRARY LOCATIONS

1. Boudreau Branch 245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

2. Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010 MON 10-6, TUE 10-9, WED 10-6, THU 10-9, FRI 10-6, SAT 10-2

3. Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021 MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

4. Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040 MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9, THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5, SUN 1-5 (SEP-JUNE ONLY)

5. O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019 MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

6. O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6. FRI 10-6. SAT 1-5

7. Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015 MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation. Details are on our website.

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

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